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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Sydney S. Proctor, M.D., D.P.H. to May 1947

G.L. Meachim, M.B., Ch.B., from July 1947

for the year

1947.

MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Matlock Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1947 and in particular for my part year of office from July.

The departure of the late Medical Officer, Doctor S.S. Proctor, more or less in the middle of a year, his previous ill health and subsequent unfortunate death has inevitably led to delay in compiling statistics and making this Report.

A review of the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year gives cause for considerable satisfaction.

In spite of the scare of Acute Poliomyelitis, (Infantile Paralysis), only four cases occurred in the district, one of which developed permanent paralysis of a comparatively mild type.

The incidence of Poliomyelitis in the whole population does not give any cause for undue alarm in the future. The chief thing to avoid is overcrowding.

Only one case of diphtheria is a true comment on the remarkable fall in the incidence of this disease since the inception of immunisation.

To remind parents birthday cards are sent to each child when it reaches the age of one year.

There is every indication that this disease, which is very serious in small children, will be wiped out.

Scarlet Fever has resulted in a small number of cases and the type is of a mild nature. If conditions are suitable cases can be adequately nursed at home.

Normal routine samples of water have been taken for bacteriological and chemical examination and with a few exceptions proved satisfactory. The main sources of supply to the area are chlorinated at five stations. Water from three sources of supply is treated for plumbo-solvency by passing through limestone contact beds.

Certain difficulties have been experienced as to constancy of supply to certain high level districts; the Council are, however, aware of the problems involved and a complete reorganisation scheme has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for consideration, for which a Public Inquiry was held in 1946 and to which approval in principle was subsequently received.

Sewerage Schemes are in course of submission to the Ministry and when completed it is anticipated that the Council will take advantage of their powers to compell connections and conversions to water closets throughout the District.

Owing to shortage of labour and materials it is extremely difficult to provide the bare necessities of life and for as long as mankind is determined on self destruction and preparation for further wars so will even the ordinary decent standards of living be withheld from a great majority.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1946	17,050
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Area in Acres	16,598
Rateable Value (April 1947)	£118,583
Product of Penny Rate	£470

		Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births:-</u>	Total	193	176	369
	Legitimate	184	166	350
	Illegitimate	9	10	19
<u>Still Births:-</u>	Total	4	3	7
	Legitimate	4	3	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>		106	125	231
<u>Deaths of Infants Under 1 Year of Age:-</u>				
	Total	7	3	10
	Legitimate	7	3	10
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 21.64 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 13.55 per 1,000 population

Death Rate, Diarrhoeal Diseases (under 2 years)
.06 per 1,00 population

Phthisis Death Rate, per 1,000 population, .29

Respiratory Death Rate .23 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate 27.10 per 1,000 Births

Death Rate, Legitimate Infants 23.57 per
1,000 legitimate live Births

Death Rate, Illegitimate Infants, NIL.

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Birth Rate	14.22	14.92	15.94	17.51	19.9	16.1	19.12	21.64
Death Rate all causes	12.99	12.15	11.99	12.56	12.5	12.0	14.21	13.55
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births	28.00	54.94	47.44	30.30	44.6	29.9	43.34	27.10

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES
IN HATGONK, B.M.

TUBERCULOSIS Age Period.	NEW CASES				MORTALITY.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0			1					
1							1	
5			1					
15	1		1	1		1		
25	1							
35	1	1				1		
45			1					1
55					1			
65			1		1			
	3	1	5	1	2	2	1	1

Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males	Females	Total
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	2	4
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	-	1
8. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-
9. Influenza	1	-	1
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Acute Polio Myelitis & Encephalitis	-	-	-
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of buc; cav & oesph; (M) uterus (F)	-	-	-
14. Cancer of Stomach	4	3	7
15. Cancer of Breast	-	2	2
16. Cancer of all other sites	15	10	25
17. Diabetes	-	2	2
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	10	31	41
19. Heart Disease	34	40	74
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	6	10	16
21. Bronchitis	5	4	9
22. Pneumonia	3	3	6
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	2	-	2
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	-	2
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	-	1
26. Appendicitis	1	-	1
27. Other digestive diseases	2	-	2
28. Nephritis	3	2	5
29. Puerperal and post-abort. Sepsis	-	1	1
30. Other maternal causes	-	-	-
31. Premature birth	-	1	1
32. Congenital Mal.birth ing. infant dis.	2	2	4
33. Suicide	1	2	3
34. Road Traffic Accidents	2	-	2
35. Other violent causes	1	-	1
36. All other causes	8	10	18
Total Deaths, all causes	106	125	231

TABLE SHOWING CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS AS COMPARED WITH OTHER CENTRES
IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

	England and Wales	125 County Boroughs & Great Towns including London	143 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25,000-50,000	London Adminis- trative County	Matlock U.D.C.
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	20.5	23.3	22.2	22.7	21.64
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	12.0	13.0	11.9	12.8	13.55
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live Births)	41.0	47.0	36.0	37.0	27.10

FORM NO.1.

MATLOCK District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1947.

Number of Cases
Noti- Removed to
fied. Hospital.

Tuberculosis -- Pulmonary	5	2
do -- Other Forms	5	2
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated		
No. vaccinated in infancy		
No. vaccinated		
Scarlet Fever	9	3
Diphtheria	1	1 Neg.Swab.
Enteric Fever:-		
Typhoid	NIL	-
Para-typhoid	NIL	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	NIL	-
Erysipelas	NIL	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	NIL	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	NIL	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis	4	4
Pneumonia	7	-
Measles	203	-
Whooping Cough	24	-



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CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1947.

AGE GROUPS.

MATLOCK District.

Disease	Under One year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL.
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	9
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever:- Typhoid Paratyphoid	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	7
Other diseases generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Measles	7	10	24	26	27	65	2	2	2	3	-	-	203
Whooping Cough	5	2	2	1	5	6	37	-	-	-	-	-	24
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other diseases notifiable locally.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Factories Act, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspection.	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	15	5	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies				
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938,	108	53	20	-
(b) Others	-	-	-	-
(3) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	129	53	25	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Removed	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	2	2	-	2	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	10	8	-	8	-
(c) not separate for sexes	2	1	-	2	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	17	-	12	-

Town Hall,
Matlock.

January 1949.

G. L. MEACHAM,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR
MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1947

Chairman of the Council.

Councillor C. Harrison, J.P.

Vice Chairman.

Councillor J.S.Wain.

Health Committee.

Chairman: Councillor J.Turner

Councillors: J.Allen

Mrs A.M. Greateorex

C.Harrison

J.T.Prince

F. Rhodes

G. Slade

T. Smith

L.C. Stevens

V. Taylor

L. Twigg.

Representatives Haddon Isolation Hospital Committee.

Councillors:- Mrs A.M.Greateorex, J.T.Prince, T.Smith,
V.Taylor, J.S.Wain, Mrs L.Wright.

Joint Committee for Medical Officer of Health.

Councillors:- Mrs A.M.Greateorex, J.T.Prince, T.Smith,
V.Taylor, J.S.Wain, Mrs L.Wright.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:-

Sydney S.Proctor M.D., D.P.H. to May 47

Leslie Meachim M.B., Ch.B. from July 47

Sanitary Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, M.R.San I., M.S.I.A.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G.Childs.

Clerk:-

A.Duncan.

Statistical Summary.

Rateable Value of General Rate		£118,583
Estimated product of a Penny Rate		£468
Area of District		16,598 acres
Population (Estimated 1947)		17,230
No of inhabited houses		5044
Birth Rate:	per 1000	Not to hand
Death Rate:-	per 1000	"
Infantile Death Rate:-	per 100 Births registered	"
Zymotic Death Rate:-	per 1000	"
Rainfall:-		25.82 inches

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the Year 1947.

During this year there has been great activity in administration, the national changes which have and are taking place and the formation of new legislation, especially in Public Health services have been immense. There can be no doubt that a new era in health administration is commencing, but the aim of the Department still remains to constantly guard and improve the living conditions and well being of the general public.

Essential housing repairs and all the conditions likely to be prejudicial to the public health, as far as is possible in these most difficult days of material and labour, have received the closest attention. Inspection of food supplies, milk production, factories and workshops, rodent control, collection and disposal of refuse are vital matters effecting everyone and it is perhaps only when trouble occurs that the constant work involved is appreciated.

I have to thank the Chairman and the Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and other Officials for the help and consideration which has in no small measure contributed to the work carried out.

The Sanitary Officers Order 1935 requires Sanitary Officers as soon as possible after 31st December in each year to furnish the Medical Officer of Health and the County Council with a report upon their work during the year in the following form:-

Name of Inspector: C.R.Lill

Area of District: 16598

Estimated No of Houses: 5044

New Houses Erected 1947 (a) by Local Authority: 6 (b) Private Enterprise: 8

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Notices Served. Informal	Number of Nuisances Abated with or without Legal Notice.
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CLOSETS AND ASHPITS:-

Defective Privies, Pail Closets & Ashpits (not for conversion)	13	7	-	7
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s	17	14	-	14
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C.'s	17	12	-	12
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	13	12	-	11
Defective Water Closets	54	45	1	46
Provision of Additional Water Closets	8	2	-	5
Provision of Portable Ashbins	423	95	276	423
Dirty Closets	3	3	-	3

DRAINAGE:-

No Disconnection of Waste Pipe	-	-	-	-
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets & Drains	63	39	1	44
Drains Obstructed	76	54	-	51

OTHER DEFECTS:-

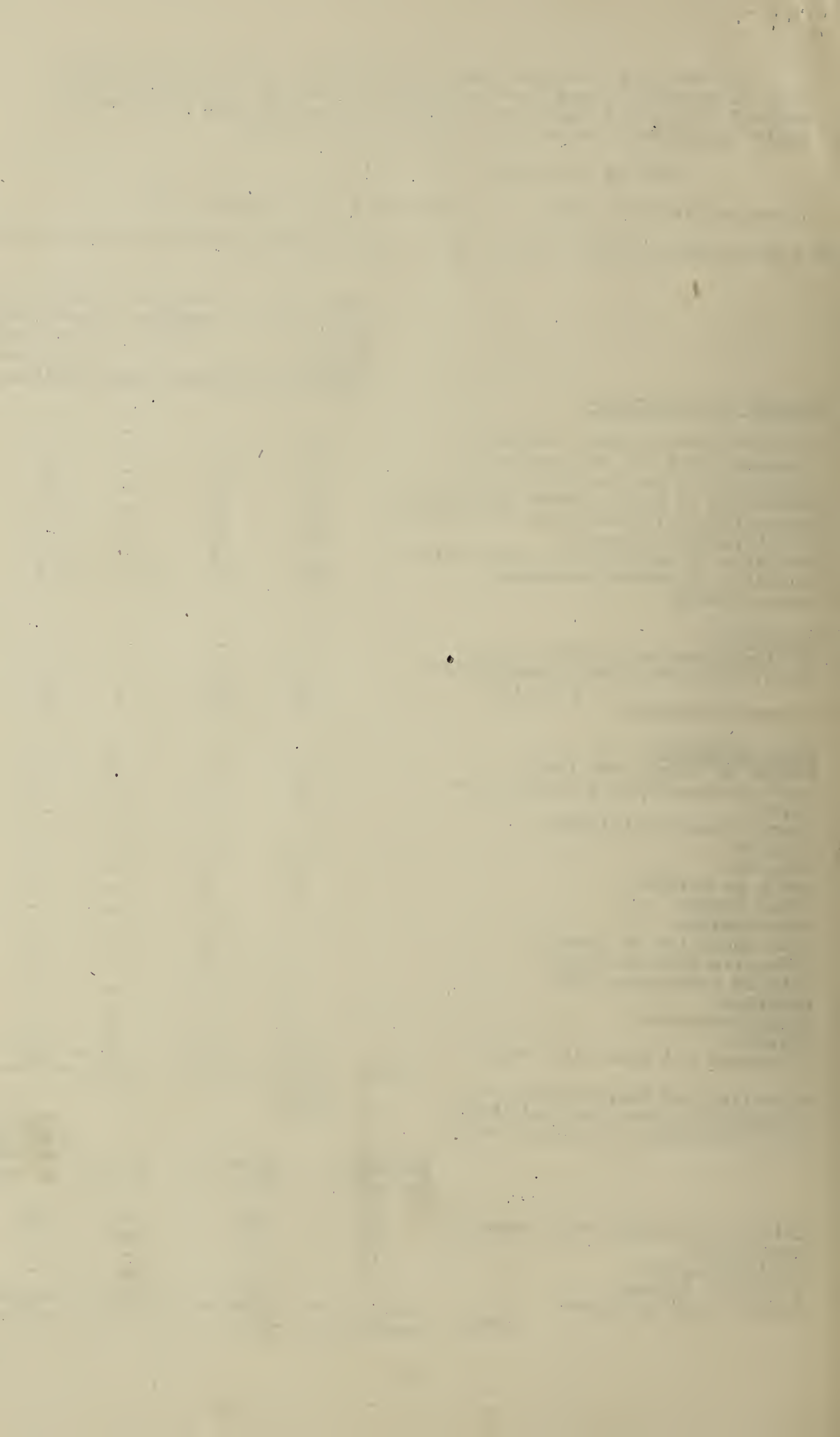
Paving of Courts and Yards	3	-	2	2
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts, & Down-Spouts	58	25	2	21
Sinks	8	4	1	2
Insufficient Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Windows	7	2	1	3
Dampness	62	43	1	4
Water in Cellars	6	3	-	3
Water Supply	9	2	-	2
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Foul Condition of Houses	2	1	-	1
Offensive Accumulations	25	19	-	19
Animals improperly kept	1	1	-	1
Pigsties	27	10	-	10
Smoke Nuisances	2	1	-	1
Urinals	5	2	-	2
Nuisances not specified above	428	118	-	112

Totals	1330	514	285	798
	7687			
	9017			

Miscellaneous Inspections not included in above but including Rat Infestation & Housing Survey

Nuisances
Abated with

	Number on Register	Inspections Made.	Notices or with- Served. at Ntces.	
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	326	214	49	41
Bakehouses	18	20	10	10
Slaughterhouses	19	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	1	3	-	-
Common Lodging-houses	-	-	-	-
Totals	364	237	59	51



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Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	17	-	12	-

OUTWORK.

Nature of work.	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Sect. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Not-ices served	Prosecutions
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Wearing apparel
Making etc

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MATLOCK District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1947.

		Number of cases:	
		Noti- fied.	Removed to Hospital.
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary		5	2
do - Other Forms		5	2
Smallpox:-			
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated			
No. vaccinated in infancy			
No. unvaccinated			
Scarlet Fever		9	3
Diphtheria		1	1 Neg. Swab.
Enteric Fever:-			
Typhoid		NIL	
Para-typhoid		NIL	
Puerperal Pyrexia		1	1
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Erysipelas		NIL	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		NIL	
Encephalitis Lethargica		NIL	
Acute Folio-Myelitis		4	4
Pneumonia		7	
Measles		203	
Whooping Cough		24	
Other diseases (specifying them):-			

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1947.

AGE GROUPS.

MATLOCK District

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Additional Inspections.

Butchers and Food Shops	25
Factories & Workshops	31
Fried Fish Shops	22
Ice Cream Premises	18

Milk Supply:-

Samples; Methylene Blue Test	92
Bacterial Count	8
Phosphatase	24

Refuse Disposal Controlled Tip	204
Refuse Collection	278

Private Water Supply, Samples:	
Chemical	2
Bacteriological	4

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection and disposal of House and Trade refuse and night soil collection is carried out by Council Employees under my control with the Council's own fleet of five Karrier Bantam Refuse Collecting Vehicles. One of these is used with a purpose made tank for night soil removal on four days per week.

A bi-weekly collection only of House Refuse has been maintained from April of this year. The number of receptacles for which the Department is responsible for collecting being 5214 ashbins, 153 ashpits and 721 Pail closets.

Almost the whole of the District's refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Dimple Farm Health Depot with the exception of night soil which is disposed of partly at Knowleston Place Pumping Station and partly deposited on private land for manurial purposes.

I think I can safely say that controlled tipping has been a manifest success, saving nuisance and eyesores in many parts of the District. An increased amount of salvage amounting to £237 for the nine months ending Dec 47 has been saved by this method.

Early in the year a comprehensive survey of the Refuse Collecting Area was made which involved a considerable number of visits, as a result of which the Collecting Areas were reorganised to provide a bi-weekly collection necessitated by reduction in the current Rate Estimate, the system has caused many complaints and is bad from a health standpoint causing overflowing bins and unhygienic accumulation and I do suggest that the Committee give serious consideration to a more frequent collection.

The Refuse Collector of today carries out a job requiring physical fitness, commonsense, tact and a certain amount of mechanical knowledge, gone is the day when this was an old mans job to be done without regard to hygiene or efficiency. Recognising this I thank the Council for wisely giving thought to the welfare of their employees. A decent Depot has now been provided with a special room set aside for meals, provided with heating and washing facilities, including soap and towels and each man is provided with two sets of overalls, a pair of wellington boots and a waterproof or overcoat. I feel sure the men appreciate this and will take advantage of the further facilities now provided.

Weights of House Refuse.

MONTH 1947	ASHBINS.	WEIGHT.	ASHPITS.	WEIGHT.	TOTAL WEIGHT.	PAILS EMPTIED.
		Tons.		Tons.	Tons	
January	17854	418	7	14	432	-
February	12677	314	6	12	326	-
March	19815	503	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	524	-
April	11452	360	18	36	396	3991
May	13041	396	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	417	2528
June	16856	492	13	26	518	3214
July	13300	388	9	18	406	2584
August	16387	482	11	22	504	3235
September	13487	404	7	14	418	2260
October	16170	522	7	14	536	3235
November	13645	406	9	18	424	2603
December	13076	348	6	12	360	2604
Totals:	177760	5033	114	228	5261	26254

SALVAGE.

The need for recovery of waste material remains as vital as ever and its importance in world trade and economic recovery to the country cannot be over estimated. Further this point must not be overlooked, salvage today is a sound business proposition, and it is up to every individual to see that their share, no matter how small, is forthcoming. It will be seen from this report that salvage sales are up this year, chiefly, I can say, through our Controlled Tip efforts from which £237 has been recovered.

By the united efforts of the Council and every Ratepayer doing his bit it should be possible to further increase the total in 1948, when it is hoped that the peak figures for 1942-43 will be again achieved.

It might be interesting to note the following figures of Salvage income:--

1940/41	263 Tons	£897
1941/42	238	935
1942/43	250	1339
1943/44	190	955
1944/45	128	759
1945/46	101	629
1946/47	82	550
1947/48	80	559
	<u>1333 Tons</u>	<u>£6623</u>

9 months only.

As will be seen the peak of Salvage sales was reached in 1942-43 and since there has been a steady downward trend to this year where it will be noted we have improved sales considerably. It is of extreme importance that this improvement be maintained both from a local and National standpoint.

TRADE REFUSE COLLECTION.

I am pleased to say that 22 Traders have taken advantage of the Council Scheme for collecting trade waste and are given a regular collection.

It is hoped to get more into the Scheme this year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD & MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supply for the District is produced locally, either in the Urban District or adjoining Rural areas, and the supply has been well maintained under very trying conditions owing to extreme drought.

It has been our endeavour during the year to register all Cowkeepers, Dairymen and Retail Purveyors of Milk in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Milk and Dairies Orders. Apart from eight who have still to be contacted personally we have now a correct card index for future reference and it is hoped during 1948 that these record cards will all be completed with the required details of accommodation and conditions to enable a drive to be undertaken to bring all cowsheds and dairies up to the required standard. This has been, and still is, a very difficult question to tackle owing to the general shortage of material and labour.

214 Inspections have been made during the year, the general sanitary condition and particularly cleanliness in a large number of premises however leave much to be desired.

SAMPLING.

Samples have been taken during the year and submitted to the County Bacteriologist for examination.

90 Samples were satisfactory	} 124
34 Samples were unsatisfactory	

The results in all cases are notified to the Purveyors with a request for remedial measures to be taken and a subsequent sample was taken.

Number of Cowkeepers registered:-	134
Number of Retail Purveyors:-	80

Milk (Special Designations) Orders.

Number of Licensed Producers Accredited	= 22
Number of Licensed Producers T.T.	= 4
Number of Heat Treatment Licenses	= 1
Number of Supplementary Licenses	= -

During the year these premises have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following schedule shows the meat inspected at the Bakewell Slaughterhouse where 51 visits were made for this purpose.

Apart from pigs, three of which I have been called to examine, no slaughtering is now done locally.

Meat is allocated from the centre at Bakewell and delivered to the local butchers by van and whilst some improvement has taken place in the conveyance of meat and offal in my opinion it is high time that special vehicles were provided especially with regard to easy cleansing and temperature control.

MEAT INSPECTION UNDER THE CENTRAL SCHEME.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS	TOTAL
Number Inspected	618	2	2043	3	2666
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
.A. Whole carcasses condemned			3		
.B. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	130	1	28		
.C. Parts of organs	124				
. Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.(Excluding C).	21%		1.51%		
Tuberculosis only:-					
.A. Whole carcasses condemned	7				
.B. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	189	1		3	
.C. Total organs affected excl.B	430				
. Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	30.58%			33.33%	
Total parts of carcasses & organs condemned Nos 2,3 & 7	691	2	31	3	727

NOTE:- The calves condemned were casualties. Calves and Pigs are not normally slaughtered on my Inspection Day.

There were 19 Licensed Slaughtermen on the Register at the end of 1947.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FOODSTUFFS.

176 Certificates of Voluntary Surrender of Foodstuffs unfit for human consumption have been issued to Traders during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938.

Registration.

Potted Preserved and Pressed Food	Nil
Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream	5
Sale of Ice Cream only	18

Inspections are in hand in connection with the Registration of Potted, Preserved and Pressed Food. No records now being available in the Department.

Regulations have been approved during the year in connection with the manufacture and sale of ice cream.

Certain premises are now in course of reconstruction to conform with the Regulations for Manufacturers and it is hoped that these will be completed and registered in time for the 1948 season.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938. (CONTD).

Bakehouses.

Number on Register 18.

20 visits were made and certain requests have been made for cleansing and sanitary work to be carried out.

Fish Fryers.

Number on Register 6

22 visits were made to these premises.

HOUSING.

Many inspections have been made in response to complaints received or as a result of the Housing Survey recently completed.

In many instances extreme difficulty is experienced in securing repair of housing defects, this being due to labour shortage, scarcity of building materials components and considerable arrears which have built up during the last eight years.

It is apparent however, that certain property owners are taking advantage of these adverse conditions to neglect their property and they would be well advised to carry out exterior painting and small maintenance repairs from time to time before the property deteriorates beyond economical repair.

This present inability to obtain housing repairs causes a great feeling of frustration in our work and owing to the extreme housing shortage in the District and the poor circumstances in which many people are now living (which needs no emphasis on my part) make it impossible to consider with equanimity the distressing cases investigated during the year. I am pleased to say that we have been able under agreement with the owner to close and demolish one very bad and dangerous cottage at Bonsall, the tenant finding other accommodation and one dangerous cottage at Oker.

HOUSING SURVEY.

In accordance with the resolution of the Committee a Survey has been taken during the year of all houses in the Urban District, much helpful information being obtained and records made for future use.

5121 visits were made for this purpose.

The cards then recorded on are now in course of checking and summarising and I hope it will be possible at no distant date to give the Committee the information.

The information then available will include the following:-

Rooms, Town water or otherwise, Hot and Cold, Bath, Sink, W.C., E.C., or P.C., Washing facilities, light, foodstore, coalstore, cooking facilities, standard dustbin.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Control and Supervision of the public water supply is carried out by the Water Engineer.

32 samples have been taken by the Water Department during the year, full details of the Analyst's Reports being handed on to the Medical Officer of Health.

When cases of unsatisfactory water were found the necessary action was taken to remedy.

WATER SUPPLIES (CONTD).

Private Supplies.

The Health Department are responsible for the quality and sufficiency of private supplies and six samples were taken during the year.

Two samples were unsatisfactory and the owners of six houses were served with Notices to connect to the public supply. I am pleased to report that this work has been completed.

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

Factories on Register 129 Inspections made 53

Inspection of Factories under the Factories Act 1937 have been carried out only to a limited extent.

In general the provisions of the various Orders and Regulations affecting the welfare and comfort of the workers were reasonably complied with but minor infringements of sanitary arrangements were found and dealt with.

Workplaces and Offices.

It has not been possible to take any special action in respect of these.

Shops Act 1934.

Shop premises were inspected as required and in two cases separate sanitary accommodation was requested and has been supplied.

It is proposed in 1948 to make a record of all shops as required by this Act when no doubt infringements and omissions will be found and the necessary action taken.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council	5214	(4) Water closets	3888
(2) Premises visited for waste paper	160	(5) Pail & earth Closets	1171
(3) Pail closets emptied by Council	700	(6) Cesspools in area	39

Conversions.

Number of pails & privies converted to W.C.	26
Number of grants paid for conversions	12

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT 1919.

A detailed survey of all sewers in the District has been made for rat infestation, treatments carried out in accordance with the Ministry's instructions and was completed to their satisfaction. A general oversight to all Council property has been given during the year particularly on refuse Tips. I am pleased to say with good results.

PERSONAL.

In conclusion I should like to thank my Assistant Mr R.G.Childs for the conscientious and loyal manner in which he has carried out the duties assigned to him and also to my new Clerk Mr A.Duncan for his interest and understanding way in which he is taking to the work of the Department.

The members of the Staff engaged on Refuse Collection and Disposal and the care of the Sewage Works have carried out their often unpleasant duties with cheerfulness and loyalty and have proved a credit to the Department.

C.R.Lill,

Sanitary Inspector.

